

Celebrating & Sharing God's Love

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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WEEKDAY/WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday-Suspended

Sunday 9:00 am

Wednesday 9:00 am

ADORATION

Every Wednesday after 9:00 am

Mass until Noon

RECONCILIATION

After mass on every Wednesday of
the month or by appointment.

PASTOR

Fr. Matt Shireman

DEACON

Kevin Downie

ASSISTING PRIEST

Fr. Chuck Brambilla

Fr. Thomas Fitzgerald

Fr. Bob Nygaard

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

8:00 am. - 12:00 pm.

PARISH OFFICE

Admin Asst: Marsha Marcussen

Bookkeeper/ Music: Steve Yurick

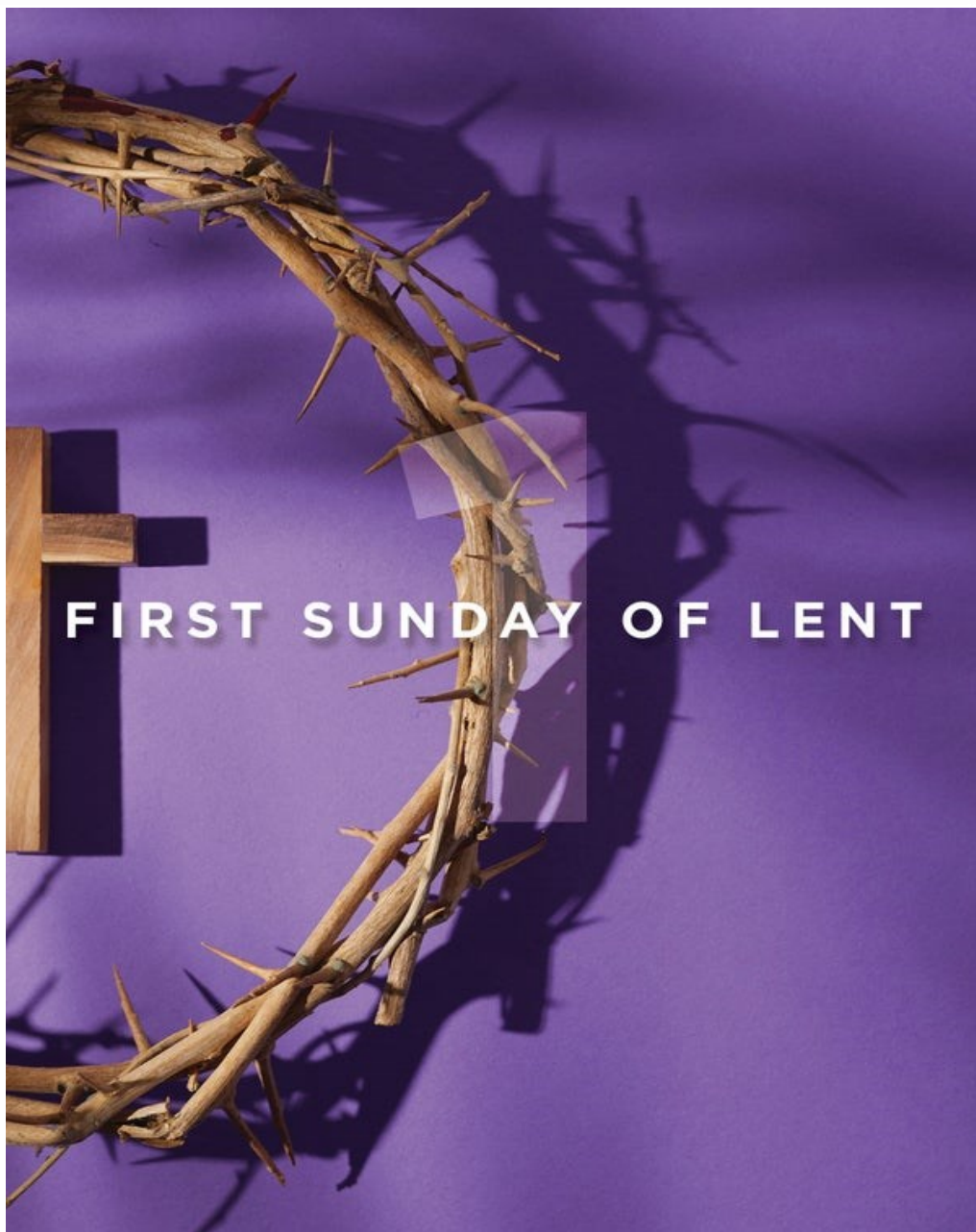
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FAITH FORMATION

Claire Kind

651-674-7382



First Sunday of Lent
2-26-2023
Second Sunday of Lent
3-5-2023

PARISH INFO

Catholic Charities Food Distribution

The next food distribution of frozen meals for seniors 60 and older will be on Tuesday, March 21st from **11:00am-12:00 pm**. Meals are available in quantities of 10 and up to 30 per calendar month.

2023 SUNDAY OFFERING

ENVELOPES are available in back of the Church. Please pick yours up and destroy any old ones you may have been using. Thank you.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays at 7:00 pm
Confessions at 6:30pm
 February 24 - Fr. Matt
 March 3 - Dn. Kevin
 March 10 - Fr. Matt
 March 17 - Fr. Matt
 March 24 - Dn. Kevin
 March 31 - Fr. Matt

St. Patrick's Day Dispensation

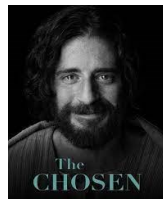
A general dispensation has been granted by Archbishop Hebda from the obligation of abstinence from meat on Friday, March 17, 2023, the Memorial of Saint Patrick.

Those taking advantage of the dispensation, however, are exhorted to undertake a work of charity, an exercise of piety, or an act of comparable penance on some other occasion during the Third Week of Lent.

Friday's during Lent
Fish Fry's 4:30-6:30 PM
Dine-In & Take-out

Lenten Fish Fry Dinners

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
 Frandsen Ave & 4th St. Rush City, MN 320.358.4370
 February 24TH THROUGH March 31st
 ADULTS \$12 *KIDS 5-12 \$6 *KIDS 4 & UNDER FREE



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Need to catch up on seasons 1, 2 or 3?
 Download The Chosen app or the Angel Studios app FREE on your phone! You can also access it via computer by going to: watch.angelstudios.com and by clicking on the "Watch Now" button. There, you can select Season 1 or 2 episodes for **FREE!** You can also find the episodes on YouTube: youtube.com/@TheChosenSeries

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, March 1st
 9:00 am † Elinor Capecechi

Sunday, March 5th
 9:00 am † Elsie Moore

Wednesday, March 8th
 9:00 am † Bernard Sylvester

Sunday, March 12th
 9:00 am † Lue Pinotti

Wednesday, March 15th
 9:00 am † Tom Solorz

Sunday, March 19th
 9:00 am † Joanne Walz

Weekly Celebrants

Wednesday, March 1st
 9:00 am | Sacred Heart | Fr. Matt

Sunday, March 5th
 9:00 am | Sacred Heart | Fr. Matt
 9:30 am | St. Gregory | Fr. Fitzgerald \Dn Kevin

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YOUTH MINISTRY & FAITH FORMATION



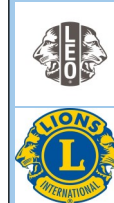
SUBSTITUTE KIC CATECHISTS NEEDED

There is a need for additional substitute catechists for the Wednesday evening KIC classes at St. Gregory the Great Church for the remainder of the program year. If you can help in this much needed position, please call the Faith Formation office at 651.674.7382 for further information.

SPRING BREAK



Spring break is the week of March 12-18. There will be no Wednesday evening KIC classes on March 15 at St. Gregory the Great Church. We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable spring break!



Rush City Leo Food Shelf Drive

March 1st – March 8th
 The Rush City Leos (HS student club sponsored by Rush City Lions) will be accepting non-perishable food donations and monetary donations for the Rush City Food Shelf. Donations may be dropped off at Sacred Heart church or the schools. The Leos will deliver donations to the Food Shelf. The number of people seeking help from the Food Shelf has been increasing recently. Items that are always in demand include peanut butter, tuna, soups, flour, sugar, and different forms of pasta; but any non-perishable food is greatly appreciated. Monetary donations are welcome, even encouraged, because Food Shelf staff can purchase \$8 - \$9 of food for every dollar donated. Monetary donations may be given to the church or they can be mailed directly to the Rush City Food Shelf. Checks should be made to the Rush City Food Shelf.

1st SUNDAY OF LENT





Heavenly Father, we Pray for...

Erin Hestbeck Mielke
Sue Roth
Gerald Mollberg
Jim Thorn
Judy Strandmark
Grace Schwaab
Janet Yurick
Jim Mitchell
Connie Blomquist
Carole Stenger
David Kirchberg
Kersten Farley
Kenneth Lundberg
Scott Stenger

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you or a loved one are ill in any way and would like to have your name included in the Sunday Prayers of the Faithful, contact the Parish office. Also, any prayer request or needs can be written in our Parish Intercessory Book in the back of church at any time.

ANointing OF THE SICK

Are you or someone you know having surgery? Seriously ill or suffering in mind, body or spirit? Consider receiving the Sacrament of Anointing. This rite is intended to convey God's grace to those who receive it, through the power of the Holy Spirit. To set a time that works for you, please contact the parish office.

Mission Statement

Sacred Heart parish is a community of Catholic Christian believers, established by the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. We strive to grow in holiness through prayer, celebration of the Eucharist and other sacraments, and reflection on the scriptures. We work hard to build the kingdom of God through evangelization, catechesis and service for all.

A LESSON FROM COVID-SIMPLIFYING IN LENT

We have made it through Ash Wednesday (the kick-off of Lent) and our 1st Friday of Lent. But we have a lot left in the journey.

The 40 days of Lent correspond to the 40 days that Jesus was out in the desert praying and fasting. The 40 is also significant in terms of the 40 years that Moses and the Israelites spent in the desert. Both of those times were times of testing. Anyways, you should not be shocked if you experience significant testing in Lent. Just turn to Jesus; He knows what you need.

Obviously the heat of the Covid pandemic (2020-21) was rather traumatic for everyone, especially if we lost someone we loved. I was a member of the Covid Anointing Corps, which means that I helped to minister Last Rites to Catholics who were dying of Covid in the metro area hospitals and senior living facilities. I never got used to doing all those visits, but they were especially tough early on, when loved ones couldn't be physically present to their dying loved one. The Anointing Corps could at least offer some comfort to those families.

Do you remember, though, how simplified our schedules became in the heat of the pandemic (especially early on, although I know parents with kids in the house had to juggle working-from-home and e-learning)? I spent a lot of time exercising outside, taking in sunrises/sunsets, and re-kindling a hobby of designing theme parks (along with my ThemeParkPriest blog (<https://themeparkpriest.weebly.com/>)). Despite not having control over the exterior situation, that time was rather treasured for me. A lot of us made similar vows to ourselves: when we get out of Covid, our schedules will never again be so full!

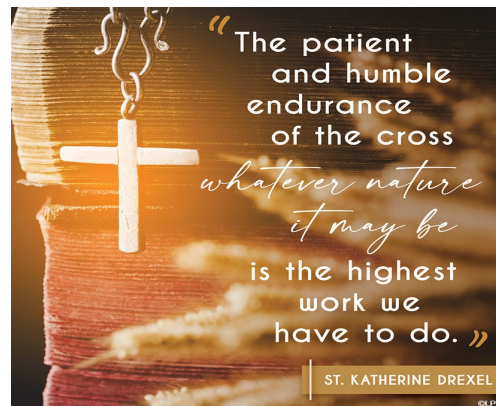
I admit that that didn't last long for me. I know, too, that many people are busier than they were before the pandemic. For example, kid sports are back on Wednesday nights (which creates a dilemma with KIC) and many teens are too busy on Sunday evenings to come to Youth Group. A related question—families, how are you doing at eating together on a regular basis?

Well, Lent is a great opportunity to simplify. When we examine our routines, there may be things we need to say 'No' to so that we can focus on the things that really matter—God and family. I recently ended my satellite TV service at the rectory in North Branch, which has created more space for me to do other things I like to do such as listening to faith podcasts (like Catechism in a Year) and cheering on our area high school sports teams. When we simplify, it becomes easier to live lives with purpose—to be happy (or better, "joyful"), healthy, and holy. For your inner peace and that of your family, I hope that you can re-discover that same simpleness that we had during the heat of the pandemic.

Fr. Matt Shireman



Father, help me to see this holy season of Lent as a time of spiritual renewal, rather than a time of deprivation. Motivate me to reach a new level of experiencing your grace.



ST. KATHERINE DREXEL